

Species I claims: Claims defined by Embodiment
1 as described in paragraphs
22-27 with respect to
Figs.6-14.

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Species II claims: Claims defined by Embodiment
2 as described in paragraphs
28-33 with respect to Figs.
15-21.

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Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C.121 to elect
a single disclosed species for prosecution on the
merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no
generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

15 Currently, no claim is generic.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this
requirement must include an identification of the
species that is elected consonant with this
20 requirement, and a listing of all claims readable
thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An
arrangement that a claim is allowable or that all
claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless
accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent from
5 or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.2(a).

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Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly
15 admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).